

**282—16.6(272) School social worker.** A person who meets the requirements set forth below may be issued a statement of professional recognition (SPR) by the board of educational examiners. Alternatively, a person may meet the requirements for an endorsement in this area as set forth in 282—Chapter 15.

**16.6(1) Authorization.** An individual who meets the requirements of 282—subrule 15.7(4) or 16.6(2) is authorized to serve as a school social worker to pupils from birth to age 21 (and to a maximum allowable age in accordance with Iowa Code section 256B.8).

**16.6(2) Requirements.** The special education director (or designee) of the area education agency or local education agency must submit an application to request that the authorization be issued. The application must include:

- a.* An official transcript that reflects the master's degree in social work; and
- b.* The licensed independent social worker (LISW) or licensed master social worker (LMSW) license issued by the Iowa board of social work.

**16.6(3) Validity.** The SPR shall be valid for five years.

**16.6(4) Temporary authorization.** A temporary SPR will be issued for one school year if the class of license from the professional licensure division is temporary. A regular SPR will be issued with verification of a regular license and a master's degree in social work.